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Dear Mr. Vařeka,

The golden age (17th century) was a blooming period for Hoorn. Ships from Hoorn sailed around the world for trade with distant places and they brought us great wealth. Via the Cape of Good Hope and the Strait of Magellan VOC sailed towards the East to bring the best spices and special products to Europe. New sea routes, however, continued to beckon. The route 'to the North' stranded at Nova Zembla, but the route 'to the South' was found. On January 29, 1616 captains Schouten and Le Maire managed to round the southern tip of South America and named this Cape to the home port, Cape Hoorn. In 2015 Hoorn celebrates this period and the unique discovery 400 years ago with all kind of events.

In view of this historical year our Committee Twin Cities Hoorn- Příbram would like to invite you in particular, in company with a small delegation (10 persons) of council members, involved with history, historical buildings, culture and art in Příbram, the directors of the Mining Museum and the Dvorak Museum. The date of the visit the Committee proposes is 4 till 6 September 2015. On the 5th of September I would appreciate it very much to welcome you and the members of the delegation personally with a special program in our old inner city and harbour.

I really hope that you can leave Příbram for a few days and find the possibility to make your acquaintance with the beauty and history of Hoorn. For us now it is important to know as soon as possible if you could accept the invitation for this date. This weekend will be a splendid, but also the last opportunity to meet in this special year. Please, would you be as kind as to inform the secretary of the Committee Twin Cities Hoorn- Příbram, Mrs Van der Hout about it via tel. (0031229) 210592 or e-mail mari.hout@gmail.com?

Yours sincerely, also on behalf of the Committee Twin Cities Hoorn- Příbram,

Mr G.O. van Veldhuizen, Mayor of Hoorn